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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

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1. (Previously Presented) A messaging system, comprising:
a memory for storing one or more messages, wherein some of said one or more messages are threaded within others of said one or more messages, wherein a threaded message includes at least a portion of another message; and
a controller for identifying which of said one or more messages are threaded within said others.
2. (Currently Amended) A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, said controller being configured to indicate that a message threaded within another message has been accessed when only [a] said another message in which said message has been threaded has been accessed.
3. (Currently Amended) A messaging system in accordance with claim 2, wherein said controller is configured to perform an action on [a] said another message having other messages threaded within it and automatically perform said action on said messages threaded within it.
4. (Currently Amended) A messaging system in accordance with claim 3, said action being deleting said another message.
5. (Currently Amended) A messaging system in accordance with claim 3, said action being saving said another message.
6. (Currently Amended) A messaging system in accordance with claim [5] 1, said one or more messages being e-mail messages.

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7. (Currently Amended) A messaging system in accordance with claim [5] 1, said one or more messages being voice mail messages.

8. (Currently Amended) A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, said controller being configured to provide a prompt to a user if said user selects a message which is threaded within another message.

9. (Previously Presented) A method for operating a messaging system, comprising:

storing one or more first messages;

storing one or more second messages, at least one of said one or more first messages being threaded within said one or more second messages, wherein at least a portion of said one or more first messages is included within said one or more second messages; and

identifying to a user which of said one or more messages are threaded within said others.

10. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 9, said identifying including indicating that a message threaded within another message has been accessed when only [a] said another message in which said message has been threaded has been accessed.

11. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 10, including performing an action on [a] said another message having other messages threaded within it and automatically performing said action on said other messages threaded within it.

12. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 11, said performing including deleting said another message.

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13. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 12, said performing including saving said another message.

14. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 13, said one or more first messages being e-mail messages.

15. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 13, said one or more first messages being voice mail messages.

16. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 9, including providing a prompt to a user if said user selects a message which is threaded within another message.

17. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 13, wherein said messaging system comprises a voice mail system.

18. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 13, wherein said messaging system comprises a telephony-over-LAN messaging system.

19. (Original) A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said messaging system comprises a voice mail system.

20. (Original) A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said messaging system comprises a telephony-over-LAN messaging system.